

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend paragraph [0022] of the specification as follows:

[0022] FIG. 3 is a ~~perspective~~ partial cross-sectional view of a diaper embodiment of the absorbent article of the present invention with the surface of the diaper that contacts the wearer facing the viewer.

Please amend paragraph [0033] of the specification as follows:

[0033] As shown in FIG. 3, the diaper 10 has a longitudinal axis X-X, a transverse, or lateral, axis Y-Y, a longitudinal length (LL), a lateral width (LW), longitudinal end edges 13, 14 and lateral side edges 11, 12. Although it is not necessary, the diaper 10 generally has a front waist region 75, a rear waist region 80 and an intermediate crotch region 85, i.e., a portion of the diaper adapted to engage the wearer's crotch to capture body exudates. Furthermore, the crotch region 85 has on either side a pair of leg openings 25 that give the diaper 10 a general hour-glass shape, with the leg openings 25 forming the lateral edges of the crotch region 85. Diaper ears 100 extend laterally outward at the front waist region 75 and the rear waist region 80. It should be noted, however, that the shape of the diaper is not critical and the diaper may take on any shape known in the art, including but not limited to rectangular.